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Enumeration of unrooted orientable maps of arbitrary genus by number of edges and vertices

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ABSTRACT

A *genus- g map* is a 2-cell embedding of a connected graph on a closed, orientable surface of genus g without boundary, that is, a sphere with g handles. Two maps are *equivalent* if they are related by a homeomorphism between their embedding surfaces that takes the vertices, edges and faces of one map into the vertices, edges and faces, respectively, of the other map, and preserves the orientation of the surfaces. A map is *rooted* if a *dart* of the map – half an edge – is distinguished as its *root*. Two rooted maps are equivalent if they are related by a homeomorphism that has the above properties and that also takes the root of one map into the root of the other. By counting maps, rooted or unrooted, we mean counting equivalence classes of those maps.

To count unrooted genus- g maps, we first needed to count rooted maps of every genus up to g . A recursively-defined generating function for counting rooted maps of arbitrary genus by number of faces and vertices was found by Didier Arquès and the second author, and numerical values were obtained for $g \leq 3$. The first two authors jointly extended the solution of this recursion up to $g = 5$. Valery Liskovets used quotient maps and Tutte's enumeration formula for rooted genus-0 maps to count unrooted genus-0 maps by number of edges. The third author and Roman Nedela generalized Liskovets' method to count unrooted maps of genus 1, 2 and 3 by number of edges.

In this paper, we describe the above-mentioned previously-obtained results and present the following new ones. The first author wrote an optimized program in C to extend the solution of the Arquès–Giorgetti recurrence, and thus the enumeration of rooted maps by number of edges and vertices, up to $g = 10$. The second and third authors extended the enumeration of rooted and unrooted maps by number of edges up to genus 11 using tables computed and published on a web site by Ján Karabás, a student of Nedela. Using Liskovets' refinement of the Mednykh–Nedela method and the tables of numbers of rooted maps, the first author counted unrooted maps of genus up to 10 by number of edges and vertices.

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1. Introduction: definitions and structure of the article

A *map* is defined topologically as a 2-cell embedding [13] of a connected graph, loops and multiple edges allowed, in a 2-dimensional surface. The *faces* of a map are the connected components of the complement of the graph in the surface. In this article, the surface is assumed to be without boundary and orientable, with an orientation already attributed to it (counter-clockwise, say), so that it is completely described by a non-negative integer g , its *genus*. For short, a map on a

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surface of genus g will be called a *genus- g map*. A *planar map* is a genus-0 map (a map on a sphere) and a *toroidal map* is a genus-1 map (a map on a torus or doughnut). If a map on a surface of genus g has v vertices, e edges and f faces, then by the Euler–Poincaré formula [9, Chap. 9]

$$v - e + f = 2(1 - g). \quad (1)$$

Two maps are *equivalent* if there is an orientation-preserving homeomorphism between their embedding surfaces that takes the vertices, edges and faces of one map into the vertices, edges and faces of the other. A *dart* or *semi-edge* of a map or graph is half an edge. A loop is assumed to be incident twice to the same vertex, so that every edge, whether or not it is a loop, contains two darts. The *degree* of a vertex is the number of darts incident to it. The face incident to a dart d is the face incident to the edge containing d and on the right of an observer on d facing away from the vertex incident to d and the degree of a face is the number of darts incident to it. A *rooted map* is a map with a distinguished dart, its *root*. Two rooted maps are equivalent if there is an orientation-preserving homeomorphism between their embedding surfaces that takes the vertices, edges, faces and the root of one map into the vertices, edges, faces and the root of the other.

A *combinatorial map* is a connected graph with a cyclic order imposed on the darts incident to each vertex, representing the order in which the darts of a (topological) map are encountered during a rotation around the vertex according to the orientation of the embedding surface. The darts incident to a face are encountered by successive application of the following pair of actions: go from the current dart to the dart on the other end of the same edge and then to the next dart incident to the same vertex according to the cyclic order. In this way, the faces of a combinatorial map can be counted, so that its genus can be calculated from (1). Two combinatorial maps are equivalent if they are related by a *map isomorphism* – a graph isomorphism that preserves this cyclic order – with an analogous definition for the equivalence of two rooted combinatorial maps. An *automorphism* of a combinatorial map is a map isomorphism from a map onto itself.

By *enumerating* maps with a given set of properties, whether rooted or not, we mean counting the number of equivalence classes of maps with these properties. It was shown in [13] that each equivalence class of topological maps is uniquely defined by an equivalence class of combinatorial maps; therefore for the purposes of enumeration, the term “map” can be taken to mean “combinatorial map”.

To count unrooted maps of genus g , we first needed to be able to count rooted maps of every genus up to g . In Section 2, we summarize the enumeration of rooted maps, both by number of edges and by number of faces and vertices, that we and others have done. In Section 3, we describe the method by which the third author, together with Roman Nedela, enumerated unrooted maps of genus up to 3 by number of edges [21] and a new result: the extension by the second and third authors of these results up to genus 11. In Section 4, we describe another new result, obtained by the first author: adding the number of vertices as a parameter for unrooted maps of genus up to 10. Appendix A contains tables of numbers of unrooted maps of genus 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 with up to 11 edges, counted by number of edges and vertices. Appendix B contains tables of numbers of unrooted maps of genus 6–11 with up to 60 edges, counted by number of edges. More numerical results can be found in [10].

2. Counting rooted maps

Rooted maps were introduced in [23] because they are easier to count than unrooted maps; this is because only the trivial map automorphism preserves the root [24], so that rooted maps can be counted without considering map automorphisms. In [23], W.T. Tutte found a closed-form formula for counting rooted planar maps with e edges. In [24], he found a recurrence for the number of rooted planar maps given the number of vertices, the number of faces and the degree of the face containing the root. From this recurrence he obtained a three-parameter generating function and then eliminated the parameter for the degree of the root-face to obtain a two-parameter generating function that counts rooted planar maps by number of vertices and faces. In [1], D. Arquès obtained a simpler two-parameter generating function counting the same set of objects.

In [25], the first author generalized the method of [24] to obtain a recurrence for the number of genus- g maps with the vertices labelled $1, 2, \dots, v$ and with a distinguished dart incident to each vertex, given the number of vertices and the degree of each one; these numbers were then multiplied by the appropriate factor and added over all possible non-increasing sequences of vertex-degrees summing to $2e$ to obtain the number of rooted maps of genus g with e edges and v vertices. A table of these numbers of maps with up to 14 edges appears in [25] (see [30] for a published account of this work and a table of maps with up to 11 edges), but no attempt was made to express these results in terms of generating functions. The algorithm used to solve that recurrence is far from being polynomial-time. The first author later found a polynomial-time algorithm for counting rooted toroidal maps, both by number of edges alone and by number of vertices as well [26], but no explicit formula.

In [5], E. Bender and E. Canfield introduced an improvement on the method of [25]: to count rooted genus- g maps it is sufficient to know the degree of the first $g + 1$ vertices and to distinguish a dart of only the first vertex as the root, thus reducing the number of maps that have to be considered. Using doubly-rooted maps, Arquès [2] obtained a two-parameter generating function that counts rooted toroidal maps by number of vertices and faces. From this result, he obtained a closed-form formula for the number of rooted toroidal maps with e edges and another one for the number of rooted toroidal maps with v vertices and f faces. In [6], Bender and Canfield obtained a generating function for the number of rooted maps of genus 2 and 3 with e edges.

In [11], the second author generalized the results in [2,6] and obtained a general form for the generating function counting rooted maps of any genus $g > 0$ by number of vertices and faces and a recurrence satisfied by a set of multivariate polynomials whose solution determines this generating function. To make these polynomials symmetric in all their variables, he distinguished a dart incident to each of the vertices whose degree is considered, which increases the size of the coefficients but does not increase the number of polynomials that have to be calculated. We note here that in the account of these results published in [3], the recurrence is missing a term; this omission was corrected in [29]. Programming in Maple, he solved the recurrence explicitly for $g = 2$ and $g = 3$ (these results are published in [3]) and also computed the generating function that counts rooted maps of genus 4 by number of edges. This result was recently included in [20], where it was used by the second and third authors to count both rooted and unrooted maps of genus 4 by number of edges. This was as far as the program written in this version of Maple was capable of carrying the calculations.

Recently, using a newer version of Maple and a more powerful computer, he extended the solution of his recurrence by number of vertices and faces up to genus 5. This is as far as the program written in the newer version of Maple was capable of carrying the calculations; it could have been optimized, but that was not its objective. To improve the computational efficiency of the calculations, the first author programmed mainly in C, using the library CLN (Class Library for Numbers) to handle big numbers – see the web site [15] – and the set of tools Xcode to run CLN – see the web site [33]. He optimized the solution to the recurrence in [11] and thus extended the enumeration by number of vertices and faces, as well as by number of edges, to genus 6. Although each author used a different algorithm and a different programming language, we both obtained the same answers, and the numbers of rooted maps we calculated agree with the tables in [25], providing evidence of the correctness of our results. These results are presented in [29].

More recently, the first author, using a more powerful computer, extended the enumeration of rooted maps by number of vertices and faces to genus 10 and the second author solved the one-parameter version of his recurrence, which counts rooted maps of genus g by number of edges, up to genus 11. Using these results, the third author, programming in Mathematica, counted unrooted maps of genus up to 11 by number of edges (see Section 3) and the first author, programming in C, counted unrooted maps of genus up to 10 by number of edges and vertices (see Section 4). The results described in this paragraph are new.

3. Counting unrooted maps by number of edges

The method used in [21] for counting unrooted maps by number of edges is a generalization of the method used by Valery Liskovets [16,17] for counting unrooted planar maps by number of edges. It uses the so-called Burnside's Lemma [22], which states that the number of orbits of a finite permutation group A acting on a set X is equal to the sum over all the elements a of A of the number of objects in X fixed by a divided by the cardinality of A . The set X is the set of darts of a map M with labelled darts. If M has E edges, it has $2E$ darts, so that $\#(A) = (2E)!$. A permutation a of the darts of M fixes M if a is an automorphism of the unlabelled version of M . However, the action of an automorphism of a map is completely determined by its action on a single dart [24]; so each rooted map can be dart-labelled in $(2E - 1)!$ ways with the root getting the label 1. Applying this observation to Burnside's Lemma yields the following formula:

$$N^+(E) = \frac{1}{2E} \sum_a \text{fix}(a, E), \quad (2)$$

where $N^+(E)$ is the number of unrooted maps with E edges, a runs over all the permutations of the darts of a rooted map with E edges and $\text{fix}(a, E)$ is the number of pairs (a, M) , where M is a rooted map with E edges and a is an automorphism of the unrooted version of M .

A map automorphism is *regular* on its set of darts, that is, it is a permutation consisting of independent cycles of the same length [24]. One can thus consider only periodic orientation-preserving homeomorphisms of the embedding surface and call them automorphisms of the surface.

For the sphere, the non-trivial automorphisms are just rotations [4]. A rooted map M with an automorphism a of period L can thus be drawn on the sphere in such a way that the automorphism can be realized topologically by a rotation of period L . If the sphere is then sliced into L lunes and the lune containing the root inflated to a sphere, it will contain a rooted map with only $2E/L$ darts, the *quotient map* m of M under the automorphism a . The axis of rotation will pass through two distinct *cells* (vertices, edges or faces) of M , which we call its *poles*. If a pole is a *non-edge* (a face or a vertex), then it will be a non-edge of m . If a pole is an edge, then it will be a *dangling semi-edge* of m – a semi-edge that is not part of a normal edge. If at least one pole is an edge, then L must be 2, there is only one such automorphism, and m will have 1 or 2 dangling semi-edges. Once the axis of rotation has been chosen, the number of rotations of period L is $\phi(L)$, where ϕ is the Euler totient function. In [17,16], an elegant formula was obtained for the number of unrooted planar maps with E edges by counting the rooted maps, possibly with one or two dangling semi-edges, that can be a quotient map of some rooted map with E edges under an automorphism of period L , multiplying by the number of ways of distributing the poles among the non-edges and dangling semi-edges of the quotient map and the number of automorphisms of period L of a sphere, summing over L and dividing by $2E$.

In [21], this method was generalized to surfaces of arbitrary orientable genus. We illustrate this method on the torus.

We first represent a torus as a square with opposite sides identified in pairs, so that the four corners of the square represent a single point on the torus. If the square is rotated by 180° ($L = 2$), there are four points on the torus that are fixed: the centre of the square, the point represented by the four corners and each of the two points represented by the middle of a pair of opposite sides. This automorphism thus has four orbits of length less than the period. Such an orbit is called a *branch point*, and the *branch index* of a branch point is L divided by the orbit length, in this case 2. This is the only automorphism of this sort. If instead the square is rotated by 90° ($L = 4$), the centre and the point represented by the four corners are fixed (two branch points of branch index 4) and the middles of both pairs of opposite sides are in a single orbit of length 2 (one branch point of branch index 2). There are two such automorphisms.

Next we represent a torus as a hexagon with opposite sides identified in pairs, so that each triplet of non-adjacent corners represents a single point. If the hexagon is rotated by 120° ($L = 3$), the centre is fixed and so is each triplet of non-adjacent corners (three branch points of branch index 3); there are two such automorphisms. If instead the hexagon is rotated by 60° ($L = 6$), the centre is fixed (a branch point of branch index 6), there is an orbit of length 2 (a branch point of branch index 3) containing the two triplets of non-adjacent corners and an orbit of length 3 (a branch point of branch index 2) containing the middle of all three pairs of opposite sides. There are two such automorphisms. For all these automorphisms, the quotient map is of genus 0.

There is also an infinite family of automorphisms with no branch points generated by two independent rotations: rotating the torus around the middle of the hole like the tube inside a tyre on a spinning bicycle wheel and twisting it so that the valve no longer points to the centre of the wheel. The number of such automorphisms of period L is $\phi_2(L)$ where $\phi_k(L)$ is the k th Jordan function of L ($k \geq 1$). For all these automorphisms, the quotient map is of genus 1.

In [21], the quotient space of a surface of genus G under an automorphism of some period L is called a *G-admissible orbifold* O , and it is characterized by its *signature*: its genus g and its branch indices m_1, \dots, m_r , where $1 < m_1 \leq \dots \leq m_r$. Each such automorphism of period L corresponds to an (order-preserving) epimorphism: a surjection, with a torsion-free kernel, of the automorphism group of the surface of genus G onto the cyclic group Z_L of order L . In [21], the number of epimorphisms is given as a function of L and the signature $[g; m_1, \dots, m_r]$ by the formula

$$\text{Epi}_0(\pi_1(O), Z_L) = m^{2g} \phi_{2g}(L/m) E(m_1, \dots, m_r), \quad (3)$$

where $m = \text{lcm}(m_1, \dots, m_r)$, m divides L and

$$E(m_1, \dots, m_r) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=1}^m \prod_{i=1}^r \Phi(k, m_i), \quad (4)$$

where

$$\Phi(k, n) = \frac{\phi(n)}{\phi(n/\gcd(k, n))} \mu(n/\gcd(k, n))$$

is the von Sterneck function (see [18] for a discussion of the relation between this function and a certain trigonometric sum of Ramanujan). Here μ is the Möbius function, and in [21] the formula involving μ is used to express the Jordan function.

To avoid having to work with too many non-decreasing sequences of integers (m_1, \dots, m_r) , the authors of [21] used the criterion in [12] for the existence of a G -admissible orbifold of period L and signature $[g; m_1, \dots, m_r]$:

H1: the Riemann–Hurwitz equation

$$2 - 2G = L \left(2 - 2g - \sum_{i=1}^r \left(1 - \frac{1}{m_i} \right) \right), \quad (5)$$

H2: $m = \text{lcm}(m_1, \dots, m_r)$ divides L and $m = L$ if $g = 0$,

H3: $\text{lcm}(m_1, \dots, m_{i-1}, m_{i+1}, \dots, m_r) = m$ for each $i = 1, 2, \dots, r$,

H4: if m is even, then the number of those m_i that are divisible by the highest power of 2 that divides m is even,

H5: if $G \geq 2$, then $r \neq 1$ and $r \geq 3$ for $g = 0$, if $G = 1$ then $r \in \{0, 3, 4\}$, if $G = 0$ then $r = 2$.

They also bounded L using the Wiman theorem [7, page 131]: if $G > 1$, then $1 \leq L \leq 4G + 2$.

They then expressed the orbifold signature in terms of the number q_i of branch points with branch index i for every i from 2 to L and obtained the following formula for the number of rooted maps $v_O(d)$ with d darts on an orbifold $O = O[g; 2^{q_2}, \dots, L^{q_L}]$:

$$v_O(d) = \sum_{s=0}^{q_2} \binom{d}{s} \binom{(d-s)/2 + 2 - 2g}{q_2 - s, q_3, \dots, q_L} N_g((d-s)/2), \quad (6)$$

where $N_g(n)$ is the number of rooted maps of genus g with n edges (0 if n is not an integer). Here s is the number of dangling semi-edges in the quotient map m , all of which must be in orbits of length $L/2$ so that they represent normal edges in the original map M . Given a rooted map with $d-s$ darts, dangling semi-edges can be inserted into the slots between two adjacent darts according to the rotation about their common incident vertex, and since more than one dangling semi-edge can be

inserted into the same slot, the number of ways to insert s dangling semi-edges is $\binom{d-1}{s}$. In addition, there are d ways to root the map once the dangling semi-edges have been inserted and only $d - s$ ways to root it before the insertion. Multiplying the number of insertions by the ratio of the number of ways to root the map with and without the dangling semi-edge gives the first factor in the right side of (6). The multinomial coefficient in (6) is the number of ways in which the branch points with the various branch indices can be distributed among the non-edges of the quotient map; the “numerator” of the multinomial coefficient is the number of non-edges and is given by (1).

For each period L , if the original map has E edges, then the quotient map will have $2E/L$ darts. Substituting $2E/L$ for d in (6), multiplying by the number of epimorphisms of a given orbifold (3) and adding over all the G -admissible orbifolds with period L and then over all the periods L that divide E and finally dividing the sum by $2E$, as in (2), they obtained a formula for the number of unrooted maps of genus G with E edges:

$$\frac{1}{2E} \sum_{L|E} \sum_0 \text{Epi}_0(\pi_1(O), Z_L) \nu_0(2E/L), \quad (7)$$

where O runs over all the G -admissible orbifolds with period L and its signature is expressed as $[g; m_1, \dots, m_r]$ when substituting into (3) and as $[g; 2^{q_2}, \dots, L^{q_L}]$ when substituting into (6).

Of course, to get explicit numbers, they needed to know the number of rooted maps of genus up to G and the set of G -admissible orbifold signatures, along with the number of epimorphisms for each one. The former numbers were calculated from the formulae in [2] for $G = 1$ and in [6] for $G = 2$ and 3; the latter, for $G \leq 4$, were available from various sources. Once the second author provided the third one with a generating function for the number of rooted maps of genus 4 with E edges, the number of unrooted maps of genus 4 with E edges could be counted [20]. When the second author extended his enumeration of rooted maps with E edges up to genus 11, the third author needed the G -admissible orbifolds and their number of epimorphisms up to $G = 11$. These were provided by Ján Karabás, a student of Nedela, who computed them (programming in Magma) from Harvey’s condition and formulae (3) and (4) for G up to 100 and made them available on his web site [14]. With these results and the generating functions provided by the second author, the third author extended the enumeration of unrooted maps with E edges up to genus 11.

4. Counting unrooted maps by number of edges and vertices

In [27], the first author used the method of [16,17] to obtain a formula for the number of unrooted planar maps with E edges and V vertices. It is to be noted here that Nicholas Wormald counted planar maps by number of edges and vertices up to not only orientation-preserving isomorphism but also orientation-reversing isomorphism [31,32]. The formula in [16,17] and the one in [27] have smaller asymptotic computational complexities than the respective algorithms in Wormald’s papers restricted to counting unrooted planar maps up to orientation-preserving isomorphism. Liskovets suggested a way in which his method could be used to count unrooted planar maps up to both kinds of isomorphism [19]; finding an algorithm more efficient than Wormald’s using the results in [19] is an interesting open problem.

The basic idea used in [27] is to distribute the branch points (poles, in the case of planar maps) among the vertices, faces and dangling semi-edges of the quotient map instead of just among the non-edges and the dangling semi-edges. We now apply this idea to counting unrooted maps of genus G by number of edges and vertices. Suppose that the quotient map is of genus g and has v vertices, f faces and s dangling semi-edges. Then the number e of normal edges can be calculated from (1) and the number d of darts is $2e + s$. Suppose also that there are v_k branch points of orbit length k (orbit length = L divided by branch index) that are on a vertex and f_j branch points of orbit length j that are in a face. We denote by v_L and f_L the number of vertices and faces, respectively, that do not contain a branch point. The original map will have k vertices for every vertex in a branch point of orbit length k , L vertices for every vertex not in a branch point, j faces for every face in a branch point of orbit length j and L faces for every face not in a branch point. The total numbers V of vertices and F of faces in the original map are given by the formulae

$$V = \sum_{k=1}^L k v_k \quad (8)$$

and

$$F = \sum_{j=1}^L j f_j, \quad (9)$$

and the total number E of edges is equal to $Ld/2$.

The binomial coefficient in (6) does not change – it still represents the number of ways to insert s dangling semi-edges into a rooted map with $m - s$ darts and the ratio of the number of rootings – but the multinomial coefficient in (6) must be modified. The number of ways to distribute the branch points among the vertices and faces is

$$\binom{v}{v_1, \dots, v_L} \binom{f}{f_1, \dots, f_L}. \quad (10)$$

For this number to be positive, the sum of all the numbers v_k cannot exceed v and the sum of all the numbers f_j cannot exceed f ; so v and f each start at its respective sum and increases by 1 until the number E of edges in the original map exceeds a user-defined maximum. With each increase of v or f , (10) gets updated using a single multiplication and division. This number, which replaces the multinomial coefficient in (6), must be computed for all sets of non-negative integers such that for each k , $v_k + f_k$ is equal to the total number of branch points of orbit length k that are not distributed to dangling semi-edges.

Once (6), modified as described above, is multiplied by the number of epimorphisms of the current period and orbifold signature, we get the contribution of that period, signature and the numbers v_k and f_j to $2E$ times the number of unrooted maps of genus G with E edges and V vertices. This contribution is added to the appropriate element of a two-dimensional array, initially 0, and when all the contributions have been tallied, for each E and V the corresponding array element is divided by $2E$.

The first author programmed this calculation in C to obtain tables of numbers of unrooted maps of genus up to 10, counted by number of edges and vertices. Instead of taking the set of orbifold signatures and the number of epimorphisms for each one from [14], he recalculated them, not from Harvey's condition and formula (4) but from a refinement of these two results recently published by Liskovets [18], except that orbit lengths were used instead of branch indices.

Here is a summary of the results taken from [18]. Given an r -tuple (m_1, \dots, m_r) of integers, each greater than 1, let m be their least common multiple. For every prime p that divides m , let $a(p)$ be the exponent of p in the prime power factorization of m , and for each index $j = 1, 2, \dots, r$, let $a_j(p)$ be the corresponding exponent for m_j . Now let $s(p)$ be the number of indices j such that $a_j(p) = a(p)$. Then Harvey's condition is equivalent to the following:

- E1: the Riemann–Hurwitz equation (5),
- E2: m divides L ,
- E3: either $g \neq 0$ or $L \leq m$,
- E4: $s(p) \neq 1$ for every odd prime p that divides m ,
- E5: if m is even, then $s(2)$ is also even.

The formula in [18] that replaces (4) is

$$E(m_1, \dots, m_r) = \prod_{\substack{p \text{ prime} \\ p \text{ divides } m}} (p-1)^{r(p)-s(p)+1} p^{v(p)} h_{s(p)}(p), \quad (11)$$

where $r(p)$ is the number of those m_j that are divisible by p ,

$$v(p) = \sum_{\substack{j=1, \dots, r \\ a_j(p) \geq 1}} (a_j(p) - 1) - a + 1,$$

and $h_s(x) = ((x-1)^{s-1} + (-1)^s)/x$. He also showed that $r \leq 2G+2$ and used the multiplicative formula for the k th Jordan function

$$\phi_k(n) = n^k \prod_{p|n \text{ prime}} (1 - p^{-k}), \quad (12)$$

and revealed its important role in unlabelled enumeration (for diverse types of groups, maps and some other algebraic and topological objects).

Formula (12) was used by the first author so that, in particular, a table of values of the second Jordan function, which is needed to count unrooted toroidal maps, could be evaluated using a sieve-like algorithm.

The numbers calculated by all three authors and by Karabás agree with each other and with the numbers of unrooted maps of genus g with up to 6 edges in [28] and the number of unrooted maps of genus g with one face, one vertex and $2g$ edges in [8]. Source codes producing most of the new results are included in release 0.3 of the MAP project [10]; more source codes will be included there shortly.

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Appendix A. Numbers of unrooted maps of positive genus with E edges and V vertices, up to genus 5

E	V	Genus 1	Genus 2	Genus 3	Genus 4	Genus 5
2	1	1				
2	Sum	1				
3	1	3				
3	2	3				
3	Sum	6				
4	1	11	4			
4	2	24				
4	3	11				
4	Sum	46	4			
5	1	46	53			
5	2	180	53			
5	3	180				
5	4	46				
5	Sum	452	106			
6	1	204	553	131		
6	2	1198	1276			
6	3	2048	553			
6	4	1198				
6	5	204				
6	Sum	4852	2382	131		
7	1	878	4758	4079		
7	2	7212	18582	4079		
7	3	18396	18582			
7	4	18396	4758			
7	5	7212				
7	6	878				
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8	2	40776	205867	167047		
8	3	142727	347558	73282		
8	4	212443	205867			
8	5	142727	35778			
8	6	40776				
8	7	3799				
8	Sum	587047	830848	313611	14118	
9	1	16304	244246	970398	684723	
9	2	219520	1910756	3693031	684723	
9	3	999232	4747430	3693031		
9	4	2040348	4747430	970398		
9	5	2040348	1910756			
9	6	999232	244246			
9	7	219520				
9	8	16304				
9	Sum	6550808	13804864	9326858	1369446	
10	1	69486	1552834	10556722	17586433	2976853
10	2	1139075	15680071	58591595	39630698	
10	3	6488604	52969260	97799324	17586433	
10	4	17227356	77948670	58591595		
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10	6	17227356	15680071			
10	7	6488604	1552834			
10	8	1139075				
10	9	69486				
10	Sum	73483256	218353000	236095958	74803564	2976853

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11	3	39779852	512308352	1823736772	1192082898	
11	4	132209016	1025303224	1823736772	319763792	
11	5	235876296	1025303224	748976684		
11	6	235876296	512308352	99944546		
11	7	132209016	117450580			
11	8	39779852	9349284			
11	9	5741220				
11	10	294350				
11	Sum	827801468	3328822880	5345316004	3023693380	391288854

Appendix B. Numbers of unrooted maps of higher genus with E edges

B.1. Genus 6

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21	2350709723279734060249864
22	63759822591543968176310334
23	1639827731755812039740785472
24	40257891518670970262942165090
25	948585942890219490237384591088
26	21549766011971541181992572512626
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28	10114720083222432999084227398358452
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31	84606282019529240955547128954226420384
32	1644547580696596356283284678184363982368
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34	588054415122647539759866591429485551734236
35	10847016096589410426790059764172093353154416
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23	8303453286421604392505856232
24	331175730212422476849562734689
25	12151338155016475304016716988472
26	414905363192585645372577162679456
27	13304794924310393122595064799408284
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B.4. Genus 9

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 31 182128999558262362218378458897222822714976
 32 6622104249432921001884424488241485750201396
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B.6. Genus 11

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37	1412559751184496833017754842551197512566051180065216
38	45631252235198098800530246769985961593525853504254454
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41	1229021184230094455942277864231633270595496956449731609712
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43	941046464139287956413663018360258975839544200706886574362104
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